

Demeter

Goddess of the Harvest

Background

- Roman: Ceres
- Daughter of Cronus and Rhea
- Sister to Poseidon, Hera, Hestia, Hades, and Zeus (father of Persephone)
- Loves the mortals Iasion/Karmanor, and Mekon. With Iasion/Karmanor, she has Ploutos, Ebouleus, and Krysothemis.

Goddess of the Harvest



- Fertility of the earth.
- Presides over the harvest of corn and grain
- Triptolemos is her prophet. Demeter taught him the art of agriculture and Instructed him to spread her gift.
- Demeter + Karmanor = Ebouleus (demi-god of ploughed earth) and Krysothemis (demi-goddess of harvest festival)

Demeter and Persephone



Demeter, goddess of the grain, and her daughter, Persephone.

- Persephone taken by Hades.
 - Demeter searches, eventually demands Zeus to return Persephone.
 - Persephone consumes Pomegranate seeds before leaving the Underworld, preventing her to complete return.
- Her absence is the cause of fall/winter.
 - Demeter mourns the loss of her daughter.
 - Persephone's return: spring/summer

Demeter and Poseidon



- During Persephone's absence, Poseidon pursues Demeter.
- Demeter transforms into a horse to hide, but Poseidon transforms into a stallion.
- Demeter bears the horse, Areion, and the goddess Despoine.

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